

CLAIMS:

1. Electroluminescent device comprising a first and a second layer of conductive electrodes (102,104,203,205) and an active layer comprising electroluminescent material (105,206), said active layer being located between said first and second layers, said electrodes being arranged for connection to respective electrical control means (106,107,207) and thereby defining an active area (209) of the device, characterized in that the first electrode layer further comprises at least one dummy electrode (103,204), said dummy electrode being arranged to be disconnected from said electrical control means and located at least partly along an outer edge of said active area.
2. An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, said at least one dummy electrode being arranged so as to be unconnected to any conductor.
3. An electroluminescent device as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 2, said electrodes of the first layer being elongate and substantially parallel, said electrodes of the second layer being elongate and substantially parallel, said electrodes of the first layer being substantially perpendicular to the electrodes of the second layer, thereby defining a matrix display, and said at least one dummy electrode being elongate and substantially parallel to the electrodes of the first layer.
4. An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 3, said dummy electrode being substantially of equal spatial extent as the electrodes of the first layer.
5. An electroluminescent device as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 4, said electrodes of the first layer comprising polyethylenedioxythiophene.
6. A display device (201) comprising a substrate layer (202) on which a first and a second layer of conductive electrodes (203,205) and an active layer comprising electroluminescent material (206) are arranged, said active layer being located between said first and second layers, said electrodes being connected to electrical control means (207) and

thereby defining an active area (209) of the display, characterized in that the first electrode layer further comprises at least one dummy electrode (204), said dummy electrode being disconnected from said electrical control means and located at least partly along an outer edge of said active area.